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Articles imported by the Army
as Souvenirs

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Department of Customs,
Excise and Trade.

DIRECTOR'S OFFICE.

Haifa, 20th December, 1938.

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Dear Col. Brunskill

Mr. Walsh has sent on to me a copy of the application made by the 1st. Bn. The Bedford and Hertford Regiment, Sarafand, requesting that certain souvenir cigarette cases and tankards, etc., intended for Officers and men in the Battalion, should be admitted free of Customs Duty.

I am prepared to grant exemption in this case, providing the goods are entered under Item 775(h) of the Customs Tariff, and cleared by the N.A.A.F.I. This is the only way I can allow exemption under the existing law.

Will you please inform the Officer concerned and ask him to let me know the probable date and place of the importation of the goods.

Yours faithfully,

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Col. G. S. Brunskill, M.C.,
A.A. & Q.M.G.,
Army Headquarters,
Jerusalem.

Copy to G. Walsh Esq., C.B.E.,
RWBB/MK. Economic Adviser,
Government Offices,
Jerusalem.

In reply please
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GOVERNMENT OF PALESTINE

P.O.B. 1248
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OFFICE OF THE ECONOMIC ADVISER
GOVERNMENT OFFICES
KING DAVID HOTEL
JERUSALEM

12th December, 1938.

Dear Bell-

The attached enquiry has been addressed to me in order to save time. As however the Tariff is not clear on the point (in fact I think that on a rigid interpretation of the schedules the articles in themselves are dutiable) I have informed Military Headquarters that the matter has been submitted to you for decision as you are the officer responsible for administration of the Customs laws.

2. It seems a little unfair that, so far at least as goods originating in India are concerned, the Battalion should be called upon to pay duty by reason of the fact that a hurried transfer from India to Palestine prevented them from taking delivery prior to departure. Possibly the assistance of item 775(h) (i.e. importation through N.A.A.F.I.) might properly be invoked.

Yours sincerely

(Sgd.) G. WALSH

1938
R.W.B. Belt, Esq.,
Director of Customs, Excise and Trade,
Haifa.

The enquiry was made by Col. Brunskill - the reply should therefore be sent to him - either through me, or direct with a copy to me.

GOVERNMENT OF PALESTINE

P.O.B. 1248
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JERUSALEM

12th December, 1938.

Dear Sir,

The attached enquiry has been addressed to me in order to save time. As however the Tariff is not clear on the point (in fact I think that on a rigid interpretation of the schedules the articles in themselves are dutiable) I have informed Military Headquarters that the matter has been submitted to you for decision as you are the officer responsible for administration of the Customs laws.

2. It seems a little unfair that, so far at least as goods originating in India are concerned, the Battalion should be called upon to pay duty by reason of the fact that a hurried transfer from India to Palestine prevented them from taking delivery prior to departure. Possibly the assistance of item 775(b) (i.e. importation through N.A.A.F.I.) might properly be invoked ?

R.W.B. Belt, Esq.,
Director of Customs, Excise and Trade,
Haifa.

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D/O. No. 1217/A.

1st Bn. The Bedfs. and Herts Regt.
Sarafand, Palestine

5th December, 1938.

Dear Crossley,

I am writing to ask you to help us over a question of Customs Duty.

This year the Regiment has celebrated the 250th Anniversary of its formation. Owing to the difficulties of arranging any suitable commemoration for this Battalion at the Station in India (Chakrata), which we have just vacated, without just wasting money, a suggestion was made by the men, themselves, that a souvenir be made available for purchase by anyone who was serving with the Battalion on the date of the celebrations at home.

This has been done but the type of souvenir selected by the men varies. The majority have ordered a silver cigarette case which is being obtained for them from a firm in England. Of these all except eighty, which are being sent out here, are addressed to their homes or the 2nd Battalion. The remainder of the men ordered tankards and cuff links all of which came from a firm in India and are being despatched in bulk to the Battalion in this country.

All the souvenirs have embossed or engraved on them the Regimental Badge and the Regimental Colours and, with the exception of the Cuff Links, each individuals name.

The cost of each souvenir is being paid for by the individual less about 5s/- which comes from the money allotted to this Battalion from the Regimental Anniversary Fund.

Had the Battalion remained in India there would have been no question of Customs duty on those items ordered

in the country; the question of the duty on the cigarette cases from England was under reference to the Central Board of Revenue

The approximate values of the souvenirs to be imported into this Country are :-

<u>From England</u>	80 silver cigarette cases @ 31s/-	£. 124
<u>From India</u>	3 silver cigarette cases @ RS26/-	} 93
	20 Pewter Tankards @ RS10/-	
	240 Silver Cuff Links @ RS.4/-	

The values of course include the cost of engraving etc.

In view of the special occasion these souvenirs commemorate and the sudden move of the Battalion from India, we hope to be allowed to import them duty free. Any duty which has to be paid will of course be an additional charge on the individual soldier.

I am sorry to bother you about this but am anxious to find out how we stand, and feel that you are almost certain to know somebody to whom we could refer the matter. Furthermore it concerns soldiers so that gives me an excuse for first writing to you. Anyway I can assure you that we shall be very grateful for your help and advice.

Yours sincerely,

Sgd. S.W.Mills.

Captain A.P.C. Crossley,
King's Dragoon Guards
Force Headquarters,
Jerusalem.

*In reply please
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KING DAVID HOTEL
JERUSALEM

12th December, 1938.

Mr Brunskill

I am sorry I cannot give you an immediate and final reply to your enquiry with reference to the articles which are being imported by the Beds and Herts Regiment as souvenirs to mark the 250th anniversary of its formation. The Customs Tariff is by no means clear on the point and I have therefore referred the question unofficially to Belt the Director of Customs who is responsible for the administration of the Customs laws.

I will let you know the result in due course.

*Yr sincerely
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Col.G.Brunskill, M.C.
Headquarters British Forces
Palestine and Trans-Jordan,
Jerusalem.

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HEADQUARTERS BRITISH FORCES,
PALESTINE & TRANSJORDAN,
JERUSALEM.

9 December, 1938.

Dear Walsh 1938

West tells me that he feels sure you will not mind my bothering you unofficially with the attached.

I think it is clear that no duty is payable on these silver articles by men of the 1st Bn. The Bedfordshire & Hertfordshire Regiment, but should like information unofficially before advising the C.O.

Yours sincerely

H. P. Bunkill

Ge. G. Bunkill

G. Walsh, Esq., C.B.E.,
Economic Adviser,
Government of Palestine,
JERUSALEM.